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and continued warm today; tem-  
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and thunderstorms

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PRICE TWO CENTS

## EXPERTS FEAR FUEL FAMINE

### Failure of Public to Buy Early Threatens Labor Congestion

## DEPRESSION BLAMED

Production is Now About 5,000,000  
Tons Weekly Under Safety Mark—  
200,000,000 Ton Shortage Seen

Washington, April 26.—Genuine alarm is felt in governmental, transportation and in coal circles over the possibility of fuel famine conditions existing again the coming winter. This has been reflected by President Harding himself, by officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the American Railway Association and, lastly, by the more important coal associations.

There simply is no market for coal at this time—time, it is explained, when heavy tonnage ought to be moving from the mines to those consumers who in ordinary times take advantage of spring prices and favorable transportation conditions to fill their stocks.

The people are not buying any more coal, it is stated, than is necessary for their immediate needs. This does not mean small consumers all together, for thousands of them have gone into the market, as usual, but theirs is not the big orders that count. Industries and public utilities which usually buy in large quantities in the spring and summer are holding back, for the most part, and are causing the deepest concern on the part of the Government.

If they continue their buying strike through the spring and summer, it is pointed out, they will create such a sudden demand for coal when coal weather returns, it is insisted, as cannot be met adequately.

Two reasons are given for the failure of the country to lay in its normal coal supply at this time—the business depression, which has limited the demand for fuel, and the high freight rates.

The view is held here that the business depression argument is no excuse for refusal to buy coal. If there is to be a revival fuel must be available in large quantities, it is argued, otherwise the period of hard times will be prolonged unnecessarily. Industry cannot resume on a large scale, it is pointed out, without plenty of coal in the bins.

The freight rate situation is more difficult for the Government and the transportation interests to deal with. The President has referred to it as a desperate problem, particularly as it applies to the movement of coal.

The agitation over rates has led many coal consumers to believe that eventually the rates will be lowered and thus give cheaper fuel.

It is by no means certain, however, that there will be a rate readjustment for many months, at least until the most favorable season for mining and transporting coal has passed. Another phase of the price matter is that the cost of coal at the mine is now lower than it has been for many years, which tends, it is argued, to neutralize the high freight rates.

Experts hold that approximately 550,000,000 tons of coal must be mined each year to meet the normal domestic and export demands. In order to provide this tonnage it is necessary to produce around 10,000,000 tons of coal a week.

While the soft coal output averaged 12,213,000 tons a week in October, when production for the year reached its peak, it began to drop in November, and has declined since until the output for the week ending April 2 was only 5,750,000 tons. If the summer passes on this basis, it is contended the country will be up to the neck in a coal famine.

## Club Entertainment

Affair to be Given Friday Night in  
Parish Hall of Christ Church

The entertainment to be given by the Silver Star Club will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the parish hall of Christ Episcopal Church. There will be a dialogue a farce, athletic stunts, duet and quartets preceding the minstrel show. Candy will be made by the Girls' Friendly Society, and sold during the intermission.

The Columbus street gate will be used only for those taking part in the show. Entrance to the hall will be on Washington street. The St. Andrew's Brotherhood has been handling tickets and have sold a large number. The Silver Star Club is under their special care. The public is invited.

## Acquires Ship Plant

Baltimore Firm Purchases of General  
Shipbuilding Company's Plant

Baugh and Sons Company of Baltimore, manufacturers of fertilizer, have just purchased the plant of the General Shipbuilding Corporation located on the river front in the north eastern section of the city. This concern it is stated will later use the plant in connection with its business of manufacturing and distributing fertilizer.

The sale was made by Louis N. Duffey, trustee in bankruptcy. The property consists of six acres improved by fourteen buildings, brick and frame construction. It has railroad sidings, deep water piers and marine railways.

## Song Recital

Pupils of Mrs. Mattie Wade Woolls  
To Give Affair Tomorrow  
At Elks' Hall

A "Recital of Old Songs" will be given tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, in the Elks' auditorium, by the pupils of Mrs. Mattie Wade Woolls assisted by Miss Lillie Chenoweth, contralto; Miss Evelyn Howard, eleventh grade; Miss Erie Douglass, and Miss Carolina Yates, accompanist.

The program is as follows: 'Twas an Old Fashioned Garden, by the class; piano solo, Butterfly, (Greiz) Miss Carolina Yates; Old Folks at Home, Miss Dorothy Padgett; Last Night, Miss Virginia Allen; He Told Me So, Miss Isabelle Abramson; Old Kentucky Home, Miss Anna Grover; The Last Rose of Summer, Miss Margaret Abramson; recitation, Miss Evelyn Howard; Old Caken Bucket, Miss Reba O'Neal; In the Gloaming, Miss Evelyn Crane; Carry Me Back to Ole' Virginny, Miss Grace Genzberger; Valcic (Mokey's) Miss Erie Douglass; Then You'll Remember Me, Miss Annie Moore; Ben Bolt, Miss Gretta Ludwig; Long, Long Ago, Miss Ethel Baker; I Cannot Sing The Old Songs, Miss Catherine Elliott; Annie Laurie, Miss Lillian Chenoweth; An Old Sweetheart of Mine, Miss Grace Genzberger, accompanied by Miss Carolina Yates; Genevieve, Miss Oregon Bruce; Juanita, Miss Eleanor Melchior; Life's Dream is Over, Miss Chenoweth and Mrs. Woolls.

## POLICE COURT NEWS

Cases disposed of in the police court today follow: A white man, arrested by Policemen Durrer and Magner, charged with violating the speed law, forfeited collateral; a white man arrested by Sgt. Campbell and Policemen Lunsford, charged with being drunk, fined \$35 with the alternative of spending thirty days in jail; a white man arrested by Policemen Miller and Carlton Padgett, charged with being drunk, forfeited collateral.

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## CLEAN UP, PAINT UP WEEK SET MAY 23-28

### Civic Bureau of Chamber of Commerce Indorses Proposition

## INDORSE BOND ISSUE

Discuss Improved Lighting System  
For King Street and Improvements  
at Armory.

Included in other important business transacted at the regular monthly meeting of the Civic Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, held last night was the approval by the Bureau of a Clean Up Paint Up Week to be run under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce in connection with the police and health department during the week of May 23 to 28 inclusive.

The Clean Up Paint Up Week was brought to the attention of the body by Chairman K. W. Ogden who called on Capt. George H. Evans for information on the matter. The question of having the week established some time in May had been brought up before the Retail Merchants Bureau at their last meeting and that bureau recommended the matter favorably to the Civic Bureau. Capt. Evans stated that in the past there had been several Clean Up campaigns in this city and that he thought one this year would be a desirable proposition for the chamber to take up and he suggested that R. P. Farrington, advertising manager of the Alexandria Gazette, had some information on the subject.

Mr. Farrington stated the object of such a campaign, what it would do for the city in regard to health matters and from the standpoint as a means to better business. E. A. Feldtkeller, and other members made remarks concerning their ideas along this line and Mr. Farrington suggested more in detail concerning the manner in which such a campaign should be handled.

F. Clinton Knight stated that he would give such a campaign his support and that his store would offer a \$45 bicycle as a prize for the boy in the city who, if the campaign was run, had done the best work of cleaning and painting up. The bureau then indorsed the proposed campaign and the chair appointed a committee to handle the matter. It is expected that sufficient funds will be appropriated for the minor details of the campaign, which as pointed out at the meeting last evening, to be successful must meet with the hearty support of every one in Alexandria.

Chairman K. W. Ogden stated that his selection of the committee would be made known shortly. Previous to the meeting numbers of business men and city officials stated such a campaign would meet with their approval and hearty support and co-operation. This is necessary for the campaign to be successful.

K. E. Wallace of the Y. M. C. A. has stated that his organization will co-operate in the matter Mr. Feldtkeller stated that one of the big factors in a campaign of this sort was the work that could be done by the boys of this city. If the boys, the merchants, the housewives, the officials, in fact everyone do their part, it is believed that the campaign will be the most successful of its kind that was ever handled here.

Among other important matters brought before the meeting were erection of signs on King street, the sheds at the Union Railway Station, the lighting system on Upper King street and two letters from health officials regarding health conditions in the city.

Claude W. Fletcher brought before the body the matter of the mayor's recent message to the city council calling for a \$600,000 bond issue needed for numerous civic improvements. The mayor's message was indorsed by the Bureau. It was also indorsed by the Retail Merchants' Bureau at their regular meeting two weeks ago.

Chairman C. Page Waller reported for the committee on signs on King street, and after an interesting discussion it was decided that the com-

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## Talk On Credits

S. H. Talkes, of Washington, To  
Address Retailers' Tomorrow  
Night

S. H. Talkes, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Credit Bureau of Washington, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock will deliver an address before the members of the Retail Merchants' Bureau of the chamber of commerce.

He will talk on the advantages to be obtained from being a member of the National Association of Retail Credit Men's Bureau pointing out what is necessary in order to protect credits.

All merchants of the city regardless of whether or not they are members of the chamber of commerce are cordially invited to attend.

## REHEARSALS TO BEGIN

Director For "Springtime" To Arrive  
Thursday—To Meet Talent  
That Night

The director from the John B. Rogers Producing Company will arrive in this city Thursday morning and start rehearsals that night at 7:30 in the opera house, for the musical play, "Springtime," to be produced May 12 and 13, for the benefit of the Alexandria Hospital.

The cast has practically been selected, though some changes may be made by the director after the first try out.

All members of the cast and all of the chorus groups, except the small children, will attend the meeting at the opera house promptly at 7:30 Thursday evening, to expedite the work of staging this elaborate musical play.

## Pickle Italy Now Turns

Against Woodrow Wilson

New York, April 26.—Temperamental Italy, which once acclaimed Woodrow Wilson with almost hysterical ardor, has turned thumbs down on him and is erasing his name from the corners of streets that were named for him less than three years ago, George Walkau, a Philadelphia merchant reported on his arrival here aboard the Steamship Reina d'Italia, from Genoa.

Streets, parks and public buildings once named in honor of Wilson are now being renamed after President Harding, he said.

## 2 Shot Dead by Sheriff's

Posse Resisting Arrest

Staunton, Va., April 26.—Clarence and John Ryder, of Highland County, are dead as the result of a gun battle with a sheriff's posse. The young men, it is said, were charged with violating the automobile speed laws and resisted arrest.

The sheriff organized a posse and went to the young men's home, where it is alleged they opened fire on the posse. Both men were shot dead.

## Several Police Wounded

In Ambush in Ireland

Dublin, April 26.—Police and military who were searching for a kidnapped constable near Fiddown, County Kilkenny, were ambushed yesterday from a farm on which the constable was being held prisoner.

A fight ensued in which one soldier and several members of the ambushing party were wounded. It is believed some of the attackers were killed. The constable escaped during the battle.

## Air Service Company

Attracts Ex-Service Men To Its  
Ranks

The North American Aerial Transportation Company, recently formed with an air port in Washington near the National Capitol Horse Show track south of highway bridge, is attracting interest among local ex-service men. C. R. Lambert, formerly with Squadron 1 stationed at Wilbur Wright Field near Dayton, O., just recently became a member of the new organization. It is the intention of the company to operate a passenger service between Washington and St. Louis.

At the field which is but little over half way between here and Washington there will be a Curtis passenger ship which will be for the carrying of passengers locally.

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## COUNCIL TONIGHT TO DECIDE BOND ISSUE

### Original Recommendation of Mayor is For \$600,- 000 Bonds

## FIRE SPEED ALSO UP

Will Determine Whether or Not 25  
Mile Hour Law Will be Repealed—  
Water Service Also to be Considered

The proposed bond issue for the city amounting to \$600,000, will be reported on tonight at a meeting of the city council by the joint committee on streets, finance and schools. A part of the bond issue it is proposed to use in paying off temporary loans due the banks amounting to about \$265,000, which would wipe out all of the city's temporary indebtedness. It is generally believed that the committee will recommend a bond issue. For what amount will not be decided until tonight when a vote is taken on the measure.

Another matter which will be presented will be a report on the speed of fire apparatus responding to fire alarms.

The Reliance and Relief Fire Companies at the last meeting petitioned council asking that the law providing for twenty-five mile an hour while responding to alarms be repealed. They also asked that the city be responsible for accidents to firemen while responding to fires. These matters will be reported on by the joint committee on finance, streets and general laws.

It is expected that a joint session will be held for the purpose of hearing statements by officials of the Alexandria Water Company relative to the proposition made by the city for increased water supply for fire fighting purposes in certain sections of the city. In addition to the foregoing considerable other business of importance is scheduled to come before this meeting of the city council.

## Ex-Soldier Dies

Was One of Four Men Charged by  
Police With Attempted  
Hold Up

Jesse T. Boyle, 34 years old, died Sunday at the Washington Asylum from the effects of shell shock and pulmonary tuberculosis contracted overseas. He was one of the four men charged by the police of Washington with attempting to hold up and rob Mr. and Mrs. David Mann on April 16 in Arlington county while near the government experimental farm. His three companions, were arraigned in this city last Wednesday and held for the action of the grand jury in connection with the

## Outing Over

Kiddies From Masonic Orphans'  
Home See Sights in District

The children from the Masonic Orphans' Home, Richmond, today are in Washington inspecting the public buildings. The little ones left here at 9 o'clock this morning in automobiles furnished by the Masons of this city, and all report having had a most enjoyable time. A big luncheon was served them at noon at the lunch room of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The children will return to Richmond about 5 o'clock this afternoon.

## Engagement Extraordinary

Last Time Today  
INGOMAR THEATRE  
Personal Appearance of the Sensa-  
tional Movie Star  
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day, April 28th and 29th  
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## MAN, INSANE, KILLS BABY AS WIFE AND RELATIVES WATCH

Danville, Va., April 26.—From a remote corner of Franklin County, in Virginia's hilly section, came to day details of one of the worst crimes in the State annals, in which Thomas Stump murdered his child before a knot of helpless relatives, while demented. Stump, convicted of murder years ago, but who did not complete a ten year term, and who is now wanted for violating prohibition laws, is suffering from meningitis and has been told he could not live long.

Stump told his wife he wished to take her to a neighbor's home, and he asked Lucy Stump, a cousin, to accompany them and carry the baby. Before any of the others could reach him he had taken the baby by her feet and was whirling her round his head like a club and, as they approached he dashed the mite's brains out on the ground, killing her instantly. He then sank to the ground and submitted to arrest. He has been committed to the State Asylum at Marion as insane.

## POLICE OF FIVE CITIES SEEK CHICAGO LEATHER DEALER

Chicago, April 26.—Search for John M. Cullinan, well known in the leather industry of the country, is being made by the police of five cities. Cullinan has been missing since March 23, when he was seen in Cincinnati about to board a train for Chicago.

Mrs. Cullinan has enlisted the aid of the police of Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus, Rochester and San Francisco in the search.

One theory put forth is that Cullinan about \$200 in currency and to have worn valuable jewelry, was robbed aboard the train and his body thrown into the Ohio River.

## HUN MECHANICAL WIZARD IN U. S. SEEKING TRADE

New York, April 26.—Edmund Rumpier, director general of the Rumpier Works, Ltd., and electrical and mechanical wizard of Germany and Austria, arrived yesterday on the Nieuw Amsterdam. Some of the war planes of his invention were the most destructive Germany had.

He is to visit industrial centers and buy machinery. His first visit will be to the Ford factory in Detroit. As he put it, he comes as a pioneer in restoration of business relations between Germany and America, and he made clear that he would ask no credit.

## LAST ROULETTE WHEEL IS SPUN AT JUAREZ

El Paso, Texas, April 26.—Sunday midnight the last roulette wheel turned, the last chuck a luck bowl whirled, the last pair of galloping dominos skidded across the table, the last deck of cards was shuffled and "Lady Luck" walked out of the Vivido, the big public gambling hall in Juarez.

## SOLVES RENT PROBLEM WITH MINIATURE HOUSE

Reading, Pa., April 26.—Aman- don Schaeffer, a local resident, turned his back on high rents today by deciding to pay rent only to himself in the future. Incidentally, he broke all records at City Hall for low cost of construction of a dwelling.

Schaeffer applied to Building Inspector Joseph A. Heine for a permit for a building in the Glenside section and got it. It will be one story high, 8 by 14 feet, with a stone base, wood frame, tin sheathing and tin roof.

"Is this to be used as a stable or garage?" Inspector Heine asked.  
"I am going to live in it," Schaeffer replied.

## Gotham Boosts Marriage Fee: Alarms Dan Cupid

New York, April 26.—It now costs as much to get married in New York as it does to license a dog, and the relative upkeep is said by those who know to militate against matrimony. The first day of the new \$2 charge for marriage license, authorized when Governor Miller signed the bill last Saturday, caused a perceptible difference in business at the Manhattan marriage-license bureau.  
"I don't know what some couples are going to do," said Edward W. Hart, chief clerk of the bureau. "Very often the bride had to dig into her stocking for money even when the charge was only \$1.00."

## GERMAN REPLY IS BEING DECODED

### Simon's New Proposals on Reparations Finally Get to Washington

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\$50,000,000 Reported to be Sum Berlin  
is Willing to Pay—Occupation of  
Ruhr Held Inevitable

Washington, April 26.—The State Department received shortly after 10 o'clock last night the text of the new German reparations proposal. Code experts of the department started the work of decoding the note as soon as it began to come in over the department's wires.

The work of decoding will take some time and the note is not expected to be made public until Secretary of State Hughes has gone over the proposals with President Harding and probably with the Allied diplomatic representatives.

There is no reason to doubt that the text bears out the impression, given earlier in the evening, that the new proposal offers a proper basis for the resumption of reparations negotiations between the Allies and Germany. The final decision on this point, of course, rests with the Allies and not with the United States.

While Secretary of State Hughes, if satisfied that the new proposal meets all reasonable requirements, may transmit it to the Allied Government or suggest that Germany transmit it direct, the United States is interested primarily in the consummation of an agreement reasonably satisfactory to both sides and is not disposed to force the issue or to assert itself unilaterally.

## Cars Overcrowded

Complaint Made About Single Cars  
On W. Va. Line at 11:15  
Saturday Night

Commuters over the Washington Virginia Railway line between this city and Washington are loud in their complaint against the operation of single cars at certain intervals when it is claimed the cars are packed beyond capacity and seats are unavailable.

It is pointed out that 87 passengers were crammed into a single car last Saturday night. The seating capacity of the single cars is about fifty-two at the maximum.

It is expected that the Commuters' Association will get together and take up this matter with the railroad officials.

The need of two cars at 11:15 o'clock on Saturday nights it is claimed, is absolutely necessary in order to provide for the crowds.

## Base Ball League

Members of Sunday School Team To  
Meet Tonight

There will be a meeting of the Sunday School base ball league at the chamber of commerce this evening at 8 o'clock. The officers of the league were chosen at the meeting last week and four teams were enrolled in the prospective league. It is planned to complete the details of the organization at the meeting this evening and a schedule will probably be drawn up for the play which is to begin early in May. Additional Sunday School representatives will be welcome as there would be room for one or more teams should they desire to join the league.

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